

Julius Caesar

Act III, Scene II

(Lines 73–107)

Custom Abugida

Friends, Romans, countrymen,
 I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him.
 The evil that men do lives after them;
 The good is oft interred with their bones;
 So let it be with Caesar. The noble
 Brutus hath told you Caesar was ambitious.
 If it were so, it was a grievous fault,
 And grievously hath Caesar answer'd it.
 Here, under leave of Brutus and the noble
 Senators, I come to speak in Caesar's funeral.
 So are they all, all honorable men.
 Come I to speak in Caesar's funeral.
 He was my friend, faithful and just to others.
 But Brutus says he was ambitious,
 And Brutus is an honorable man.
 He hath brought many captives home to Rome,
 Whose ransoms did the general coffers fill.
 Did this in Caesar seem ambitious?
 When that the poor have cried, Caesar has wept;
 Ambition should be made of steel,
 Yet Brutus says he was ambitious,
 And Brutus is an honorable man.
 You all did see that on the Lupercal I thrice
 presented him a kingly crown, which he did thrice
 refuse. Was this ambition? Yet Brutus says he
 was ambitious; and sure he is an honorable man.
 I speak not to disprove what Brutus says,
 But here I am to speak what I do know.
 You all did love him once, not without cause.
 What cause withholds you then, gentlemen?
 O judgment, thou art fled to brutish beasts,
 And men have lost their reason. Hear me for my
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